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TOPIC: 4th Tech Base in Kamenz of the Administration of Aeroclubs

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REMARKS _____ This is UNEVALUATED

1. The 4th Tech Base of the Administration of the Aeroclubs (VdA) which is identical with a former airfield supply battalion, was quartered in the former Panzer Kaserne on Macher Strasse in Kamenz in July 1954. The barracks installation was divided into Object I and Object II. Object I housed the school of the VdA. Object II housed the 4th Tech Base, training companies of the VdA, and the central motor vehicle repair shop of the VdA. The training companies, which had been transferred from Pirna to Kamenz, were subordinate to the school of the VdA.
2. The 4th Tech Base had about 30 officers and 300 NCOs who were assigned to the following units:

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<u>Units</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>NCOs and EM</u>
Headquarters	20	-
Headquarters company	-	20
Airfield company	3	45
Motor transport company	3	50
Technical company	2	90
Guard company	2	95

The headquarters company had personnel in charge of fuel and lubricants, clothing and equipment, ordnance, in addition to signal and medical personnel and members of the air technical depot. Prior to March 1954, the 4th Tech Base had an actual strength of about 100 men; subsequently its strength was continuously increased. The personnel probably came from the NCO training courses of the VdA in Cottbus, the motor transport training courses in Augustusbad, and the training companies in Augustusbad and Kamenz. ¹

3. The following personnel were assigned to the 4th Tech Base:

Commanding Officer	Captain Keil (fnu)
Political Officer	Senior Lieutenant Kaestel (fnu)
Chief of Staff	Captain Kahl (fnu)

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Transportation Officer	Senior Lieutenant Liebscher (fnu), had formerly been captain in Drewitz and was reduced in rank
Party Secretary	Sub-Lieutenant Gerlach (fnu)
FDJ Secretary	Lieutenant Gogel (fnu)
In charge of cadre personnel	Sub-Lieutenant Schmidt (fnu)
Chief of officers' club	Senior Lieutenant Schmidt (fnu)
In charge of training	Lieutenant Hoffmann (fnu)
Administrative Officer	Sub-Lieutenant Immisch (fnu)
Chief of Financial Section	Lieutenant Fabian (fnu)
In charge of fuel and lubricants	Sub-Lieutenant Johnne (fnu)
Ordnance Chief	Lieutenant Kessner (fnu)
Chief of Air Technical Depot	Senior Lieutenant Grossmann (fnu)
Deputy Chief of Air Technical Depot	Lieutenant Schulz (fnu)
Chief of Signal Section	Lieutenant Frommhold (fnu)
Sports Secretary	Lieutenant Rieger (fnu)
Propaganda Chief	Sub-Lieutenant Pfannkuchen (fnu)
Medical Officer	Sub-Lieutenant Schmiedel (fnu)

4. The motor transport company of the 4th Tech Base was equipped with the following motor vehicles:

- 6 model H 3 A trucks
- 6 model H 6 trucks
- 2 model G 5 tank trucks, each with a capacity of about 4,000 liters of aviation fuel
- 1 model EMW sedan
- 1 model AWO motorcycle, 250 cubic centimeters
- 3 ambulances
- 3 jeeps
- 1 loudspeaker car
- 2 model RFB radio trucks
- 1 model SKP starter carriage
- 1 model G 5 workshop truck
- 2 Ikarus-type busses
- 4 Molotov-type tipplers
- 3 or 4 model H 3 Z trucks
- 1 model S 80 caterpillar tractors
- 2 Pioneer-type tractors
- 1 model H 3 A tipper
- 1 flatbed trailer
- 1 trailer with compressor station
- 1 trailer with battery charging station

Minor repairs were carried out in the motor vehicle repair shop of the 4th Tech Base, while major repairs were done in the central motor vehicle repair shop of the VdA, housed in Object II. The former workshop employed about 4 soldiers in addition to civilians. The personnel in charge of fuel and lubricants included 1 senior sergeant and 3 soldiers who were assigned as fuelling assistants to the motor vehicle filling station and as drivers of the tank trucks which refueled the aircraft. 2

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5. The members of the headquarters company included 17 percent of the 1935 and 1934 classes and 30 percent of the 1933 and 1932 classes. One half of the soldiers came from Thuringia and the other half from the other districts of the GDR. About 12 percent were believed to be convinced SED men, 76 percent were followers, and 12 percent opponents to the regime. The morale of the personnel was rather poor, in particular because there was little hope that discharges would be granted at the end of the voluntary term. Soldiers were induced to prolong their term of service by all possible means.
6. The two tank trucks assigned to the 4th Tech Base were filled with the following types of aviation fuel:
1 tank truck with type B 70 fuel for refueling Yak-18s and
1 tank truck with type B 89 fuel for refueling Yak-11s.
It could not be determined that the figures 70 and 89 referred to the octane number of the aviation fuel.
The tank trucks were filled in the fuel dump at Kamenz airfield which received the fuel in railroad tank cars on the spur track. 3

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1. Comment. The 4th Tech Base in Kamenz was organized in December 1953 in connection with the re-organization of the VdA. The first personnel were transferred from the 2nd Tech Base in Drewitz. For administration purposes, the headquarters company probably combines the officers, NCOs and EM of the headquarters and the reported special personnel. A technical company within a technical base is reported for the first time. It is believed that the technical personnel of the 1st Bn of the Aeroclub was actually meant and that source erroneously included this personnel in the technical base.
2. Comment. The information on the existence of a central motor vehicle repair shop of the VdA in Kamenz, though reported for the first time, is believed to be correct, since source was a fuelling assistant with the headquarters company.
3. Comment. The designations B 70 and B 89 are reported for the first time. Soviet type piston engines are generally operated on aviation fuel with the octane number 95.

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